REMARKS

Applicant wishes to thank Examiner Stefan Staicovici for his time and effort during the telephonic interview with applicant's attorney, John Augustyn, on November 5, 2004. During the interview, amendments to the claims were discussed which are shown in this Response. The Examiner indicated that the amended claims should be allowable.

Conclusion

The application is considered in good and proper form for allowance, and the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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